

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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May 2017

Club meeting location is Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL.

The Club meeting is the 4th Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m.

12 members and 2 guests attended the April meeting. Guests were Pam Schim and Mary Trice. Welcome and we are so glad you attended. Hope to see you again. The Treasurer reported that in March we collected \$60.00 for dues and \$22.00 from our raffle. We also collected \$24.00 for T-shirts sales giving us a new checkbook balance of \$1,971.00.

May 25 through the 29th is the Florida Bonsai Convention at the Florida Hotel in Orlando sponsored by The American Bonsai Society and the Bonsai Society of Florida. Saturday May 27th is our May Club meeting. I've been told that some of our club members will be going to the convention. We will still have our meeting. The May program will be propagation by grafting and air layering. Clay offered to contribute to the topic at the meeting.

Programs for the remainder of the year are:

- June 24, Visualizing and draw what a tree should look like
- July 22, Workshop. Bring in the June's drawing and a tree
- Aug 26, D&L Nursery, Dave VanBuskirk
- Sept 23, Tree carving.
- Oct 28, Work shop by Tom Brantley
- Nov 25 (no topic yet)
- Dec 23 (no topic yet)

The Club needs someone to do the September 23rd, November 25th and December 23rd programs. Let me know if you're interested. Are the Club's programs ones you really want to know about? Let me know as we can always make changes to our programs. If you volunteer to present a program at a Club meeting, you can pick any topic you want.

For our April show and tell segment Tom Meier brought in a collected tree that everyone guessed might be a Mimosa. Clay brought in Hibiscus and Bougainvillea as they were potted in examples of artful pottery.

Tom brought his redwood back in. This time it had foliage. After much discussion the decision of where the front would be was made and Bob used his saw to eliminate some of the excess branches. Tom, bring the tree back in six to twelve months so we can see how its developing.

Alexis Ellis (DownStairs Art) a potter from Crystal River showed examples of her pottery. She said she could make pots to order for an average price of \$25.00 to \$45.00 to members. She uses different types of clay for different colors and finishes. Alexis spent a year and a half in Japan and brings that influence to her pottery. If you are interested in talking with her about her pottery or maybe buying a one of a kind bonsai pot you can contact her by calling 352-257-5129 or via email at adellisster@gmail.com.

Our main program was presented by Master Gardner Jim Bruno who covered the topic of fertilizer and explained the meaning of the three numbers on the fertilizer. He discussed several other topics of interest to Club members. Even though Jim does not raise bonsai, having him talk about gardening is informative and helpful to club members.

Rosemary Anderson is our treasurer and keeper of the name tags. She had planned on making name tags for our new members but ran into a problem. She needed a copy of our logo. I sent it to her today and she can now make name tags. Rosemary probably will not be at the May meeting as she is expecting her sixth grandchild that weekend. Congradulations Rosemary and Lloyd. She will probably have the new name tags for the June meeting.

The June 24 program is titled, Visualizing and drawing what a tree should look like. The July 22 program will be a workshop on how to make your tree look like your drawing. Start planning now for the June and July programs. For the June program what you will need is one of your trees (bring more than one if you wish), pencil and paper. Members will be available to help you determine the "front" of your tree. Don't worry about artistic abilities it's only a plan. The important part of the program is to see the tree and determine the best view after it has grown for a few years. For the July meeting bring in the drawing you made in June and your tree and tools. We will start trimming the tree to match your drawing. Here's a tip, go on the internet or get a book from our library and start reviewing the different types of tree designs.

May 2nd through May 5th the Marion Bonsai Society and The Top of the World Master the Possibilites are presenting their 10th Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the MTP Learning Center, Circle Square Commons, 8415 SW 80th St. Ocala, FL. The exhibit is free and starts Tuesday at noon. A get started class will be held Wednesday May 3rd from 1p to 2p. A second workshop on creating a bonsai from live stock will be held May 4th from 1p

to 2p and will be conducted by David VanBuskirk. Cost to nonresidents of Top of the World is \$5.00.

ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

I would really like to add your information and experiences to our Newsletter. Send me a write up or some notes (maybe even a picture) and I'll include it in the Newsletter. I think it would be great to let the Club members know about what you've been working on. Did you recently visited a Bonsai garden, or found an exciting website, or had a conversation with another Bonsai enthusiast? This would be interesting to our readers. If you have any information or articles that could be of interest to our members, please contact Jim Meister so that he can place them in the newsletter for everyone to read.

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Bonsai tools for sale; Shears, concave cutters, wire cutters, knob cutters and others. Contact Bob Eskeitz for information and prices. (352) 587-4215 or bonsaibobs@hotmail.com.